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Edgewood

21. April 1876

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~~C. 26.~~

My dear Sir

I have been off a great deal in the last year, & last winter in the U.S.A. My daughter Rebecca is in very delicate health & I travel with her & for some time too. This is one reason I have not written, but of course I was kept with the last letter you wrote me. I had written you that I met Mr. Goudie the first week in December 1875 in the 1st house of Columbia & told him I had not yet sent the balance as you note but he should have it in a fortnight & he replied it is of no consequence, as the money you have left is lying in one hand not then

used & idle. I of course
thought as he was agent it
was all right & did not pay
the balance for several weeks.
But immediately as I
saw your complaining in such
language of my neglect &
your losses in price of stocks, &
I wrote my partners Coffin &
Pringe to see Goodhue & make
the calculations as to loss
in price of stocks which, accor-
ding to your estimate, was
about \$130 to \$150 — and
for them to pay it if that
was the difference in the
stocks. — And they wrote they
mentioned it to Goodhue &
he replied "No! he could
not receive any thing of the
kind, & that you never
meant it." —

I saw Mr. Dearing the
other day & he told me he

had paid some \$64,000
first check, & there was still
a small balance due, & that he
had written Guedine to call with
it & let him know & that
if wanted he would pay it
then or in a short time,
I saw Guedine's answer, &
he was in substance, that
he supposed it made no
difference, but would wait you
& if needed he would visit
his Deering. Since then
he has got me letters
I have this day delivered
over the mortgage, to Col,
Carroll & enclose his
receipt for it. I begged you
long ago to give ~~some~~ some
direction to it, as I did
not like to keep it.
My God Bless you & yours
through life.
Very truly
your friend, H. Pickens